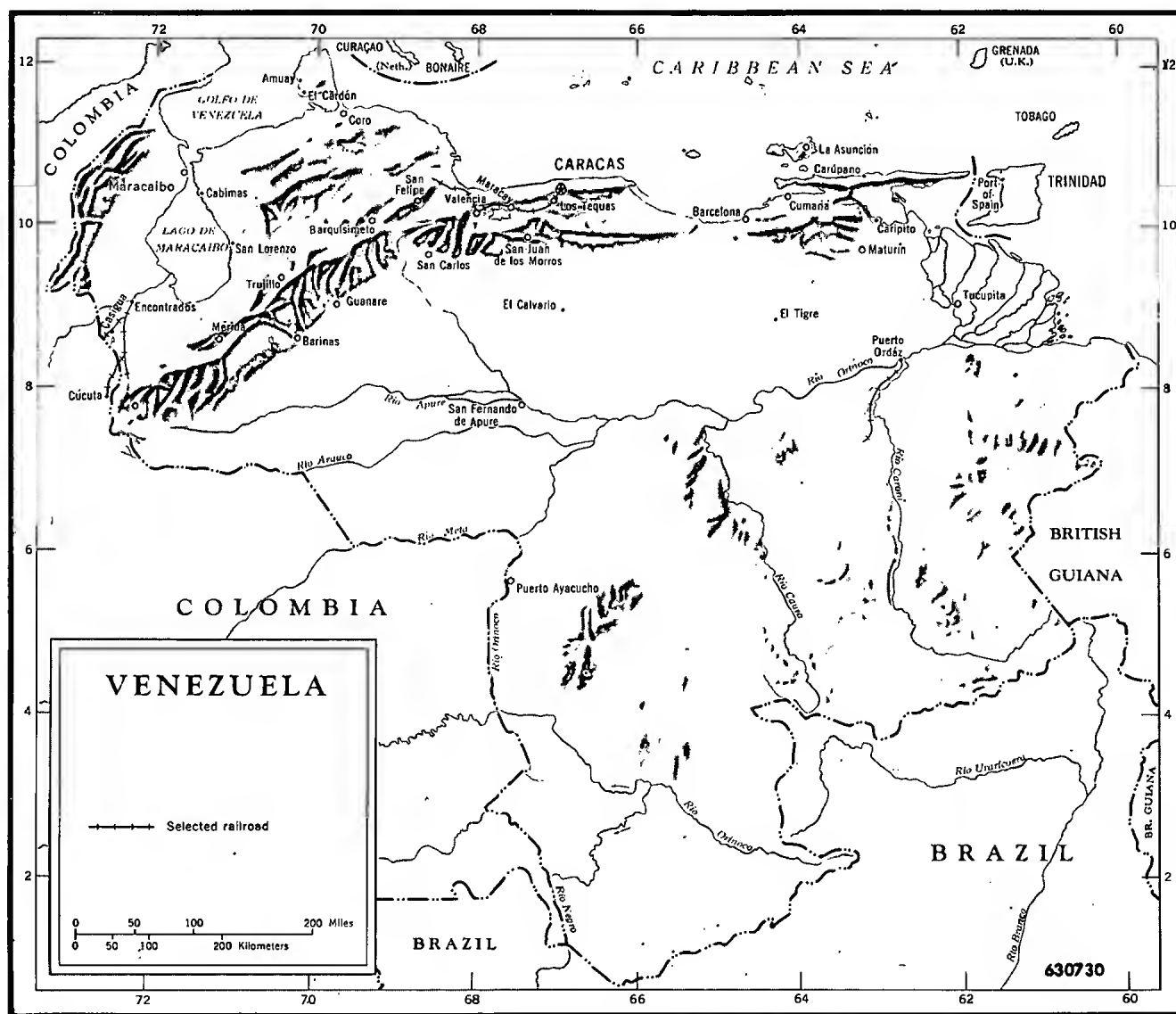


# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Venezuela

a. Leoni is clearly in as President, although demands for a recount in the Maracaibo district may delay final tallies.

b. Long-time associate of Betancourt, Leoni has concentrated in recent years on building up Betancourt's Democratic Action Party. In this role he has attracted criticism for partisanship.

c. This could cause him some difficulties when he tries to forge a new coalition government, necessary since his party will not have a majority in the new congress.

d. We expect the extreme left to continue its terrorist campaign, now hoping to block Leoni's inauguration scheduled for 2 March.

e. Security forces are braced for further terrorist activity in Caracas beginning today. The army is about ready to kick off a campaign to clean up pro-Castro guerrilla bands in the western part of the country.

**2. Indonesia-  
Malaysia**

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b. [ ] the Indonesians  
have concentrated on guerrilla raids  
into border areas of Sarawak and  
Sabah (North Borneo).

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f. [ ] agents of Sukarno's "confrontation" policy will scarcely clear the air for an early solution to the Malaysian matter. [ ]

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solution is impossible as long as confrontation continues.

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### 3. Syria

a. A move against the hard core Baath in Syria [ ]

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may in fact be under way.

b. We have no reports of fighting, which we would expect, but do see signs that party extremists are beginning to make other arrangements.

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#### 4. Cyprus

a. A showdown between Greek and Turkish Cypriots is at hand.

b. President Makarios has given Vice President Kuchuk, the leader of the Turkish community, formal notice of his intent to revise the Cyprus Constitution.

certain provisions designed to protect the rights of the Turkish minority make the constitution unworkable.

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c. The Turkish population has firmly rejected earlier Makarios proposals along these lines.

d. The real problem is whether Makarios will try to override Turkish objections and take unilateral action to amend the constitution.

e. If he does, matters would quickly come to a head. Both Greek and Turkish communities have armed paramilitary organizations and a long history of violence.

#### 5. Turkey

a. As was expected the Inonu coalition government, in office since June 1962, has collapsed.

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b. Inonu handed his resignation to President Gursel yesterday, after it became clear that the two minor parties cooperating in his coalition were withdrawing. Gursel has asked Inonu to stay on until a new government can be formed.

c. There was no indication whether the difficult job of putting together a new coalition would be given to Inonu again or to some less controversial figure.

d. A government which includes the Justice Party, victor in the recent local election, is one possibility.

e. This would not go down well with the military, however. [redacted] military coup if this party comes to power.

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f. The military regards it as the lineal descendant of the Men-deres group which the army threw out in 1960.

6. India-  
Pakistan

a. Relations between the two countries continue to deteriorate.

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b. Karachi last week ordered the closure of one of the two remaining Indian consular offices in Pakistan.

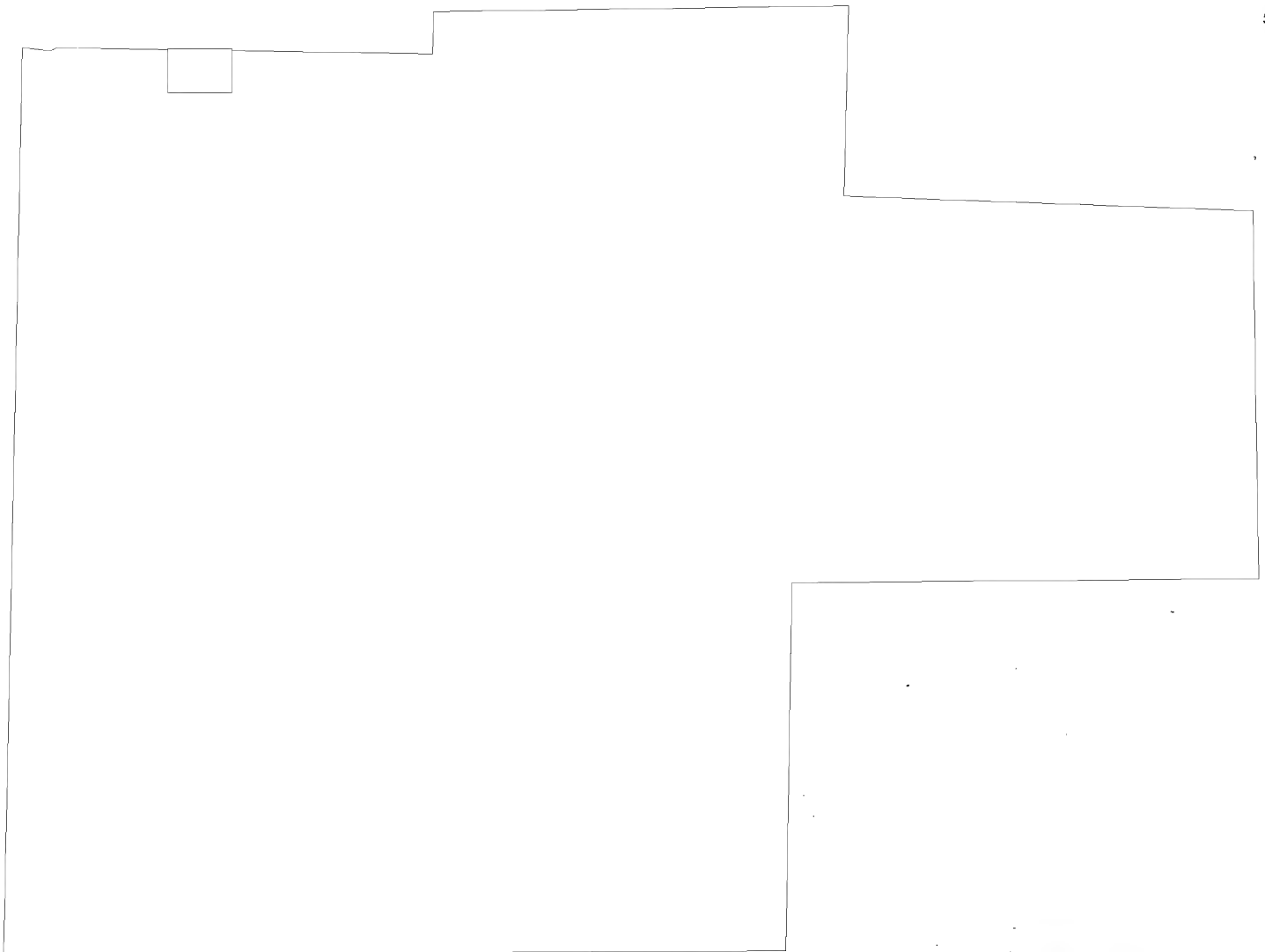
c. Nehru's reaction in this case has been restrained, but he will be under pressure to retaliate. This pressure will sharply increase once Pakistan announces that it is to receive a state visit by Chinese Communist leaders Chou En-lai and Chen Yi.



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A. USSR

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B. USSR Soviet gold sales in the West, which took a sharp turn upward once Moscow started buying Western grain, will total about \$450 million for the year, \$140 million above the previous high in 1961.

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C. USSR-Congo Moscow may try to recoup the ouster of its embassy staff from Leopoldville by setting up a mission in the freer atmosphere of Brazzaville (across the river in the old French Congo).

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D. Cuba-France

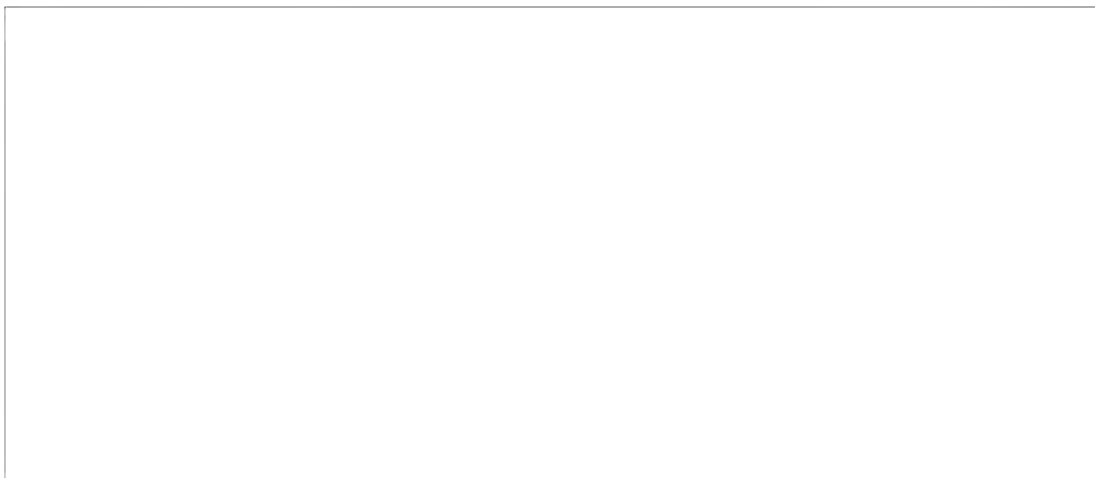
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E. Dominican Republic The authorities in Santo Domingo say they have isolated two groups, totaling 70 men, of extreme leftist guerrillas in the mountains near the north coast. Stocks of arms, supplies, and Communist literature have been taken along with [ ] of the guerrillas.

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F. Argentina Former President Frondizi told Ambassador McClintock Sunday night that, unless President Illia reformed his cabinet and acquired some capable ministers, his term in office would be short. Frondizi predicted a military coup if Illia's drift to the left continued. We are not yet ready to make such a prediction ourselves, but must give Frondizi's opinion considerable weight.

G. USSR-Cuba

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